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in all its phases? Would it not have been far better to have rounded out these collections with judicious additions, than to have made a separate, iusufficient exhibit?"

In a corner of the centre gallery of the Liberal Arts wing may be found a cast of *Phenaeodus primævus* Cope, exhibited by its discoverer. If *P. primævus* could think, it would, like the Doge of Genoa at Versailles, be more surprised "to see itself there" than at anything else.

The aquarium in the Trocadero Gardens is well-stocked with a lively crowd of Cyprinidæ and Salmonidæ, including California salmon, but it has no marine animals.—*W. N. L.*

A course of six lectures on human embryology has lately been completed at Cornell University by Prof. Charles Sedgwick Minot, of Harvard Medical School; intended to supplement the practical course in chick development, given a year ago by Associate Professor Gage (who is in Europe this Spring). These lectures presented clearly the history of the ovum, karyokenisis, the germ layers, and the formation of certain organs, especially the heart. The closing discourse, on Theories of Heredity, was given on Thursday, the 9th of May, before a large audience of professors, trustees, advanced students and physicians.

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